



'Dowsing For One And All'

Our theme 'Dowsing for One and All' is an invitation to use our dowsing skills to ask questions and gain information that can strengthen a loving connection within ourselves, enabling us to consciously act as co-creators in the living world, and thereby embrace the inter-connectedness of all that makes up the Universe. By listening to our hearts, we can increase our intuitive skills and be more in tune with life in a way the ancients once were.

Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th September 2020

South Zeal, Devon

General Information

Dear Dowser,

Thank you for your interest in DFest 2020.

This document provides general information about the Event, and the local facilities, to help you plan and make the most of your time at the Festival, whether just one day, or for the full weekend.

A **Programme** for the Festival is available to download from the Devon Dowsers' website: www.devondowsers.org.uk, or can be supplied on request by emailing dandyb777@gmail.com.

Please complete and send a **Booking Form**, an **Outings & Workshop Preference Form** for each **person and for each of the days** you plan to attend, and **return** these together **with your payment**. In addition please indicate choices for any meals you require us to book for you. If you wish to reserve a camping spot at the King's Arms, please let us know on your Booking Form.

We look forward to you joining us.

South Zeal

South Zeal is a beautiful medieval village just 5 minutes drive off the A30 in Devon. It has two Inns, a Village Store and Post Office, walks up to Dartmoor and a unique Neolithic Standing Stone called the South Zeal Menhir around which was constructed a Grade II listed Manor House, now the Oxenham Arms Pub/Hotel. See www.south-zeal.eu.

Parking

Free parking is available at the King's Arms camping field, and at the Recreation Ground marked 'Car park' on the map.

Registration

This will take place at the Victory Hall (postcode EX20 2JR) from 9.00am - 9.45am each morning. Morning activities will start at 10am, so please ensure you have registered by then.

Talks

Talks are part of the main Programme and are available to all. These will take place in the Victory Hall.

Outings on Dartmoor and Workshops

On each day there will be a session where you have the option to attend one of four Outings in the local area, OR an indoor or outdoor Workshop session in the Victory Hall and village. This will be allocated on the basis of your completed 'Preference Sheets' on a first come, first served basis as numbers are limited for some events. Information about the possible options for each day is available in the 'Talks, Outings & Workshop Details' document (available on the website or on request), to enable you to decide on your preferences.

If attending Outings, please bring appropriate clothing and footwear for walking on Dartmoor - sturdy walking boots, rain wear, protection from sun, wind and rain, and be mindful of the possible presence of livestock, wild animals, ticks and snakes.

Dowsing Shops

Dowsing shops will be available within the Hall providing the ability to obtain dowsing rods, pendulums, books and other dowsing equipment, to enhance your collection or provide a memento of the Festival. Please bring cash, as the shops will not be able to accept card payments.

Cash Machines

There is a free cash machine at the **Hog & Hedge and Travel Lodge at Whiddon Down off the A30**, or others are available in Okehampton.

Mobile Phone Signal

Please note as South Zeal is in a valley north of Dartmoor there are no reliable mobile phone signals in the Victory Hall or the village. However, free wi-fi is available in the Oxenham Arms and the King's Arms, or if you walk to a higher spot in the village.

Food

Lunch Saturday and Sunday

The **King's Arms** have provided a menu with vegetarian, vegan, gluten and dairy free options which is available on our website or included with your Booking Form and Preference sheets. Lunches need to be booked in advance but paid for on the day.

The **Oxenham Arms** will provide packed lunches (a sandwich, crisps, a piece of fruit, a piece of cake and a soft drink) for £8.50 which will be delivered to the Victory Hall at 9.30am each day.

Packed lunches will need to be booked and paid for directly with the pub before the date. A sheet is available on our website to choose, then phone Lyn at the pub on 01837 840244 to order.

The **Village Shop** sells a variety of food (pies, cold meats etc), bread, milk, alcohol and newspapers.

If you prefer to make your own lunch arrangements, you can bring your own lunch, or book directly with one of the establishments listed below in 'Places to Eat'. If you choose this option, then we recommend you book early.

PLEASE note that lunchtime on Saturday will be from 1.15pm - 2.30pm, and the afternoon session will commence at 2.30pm, so please ensure your lunch booking takes this into account, and that you are back at the Hall in time for the afternoon session.

Lunch on Sunday is timetabled to follow on from the Outings & Workshop Session. We understand that, at the time of booking, you will not as yet know whether you will be allocated a place on one of the Outings, or on the Workshop, but if you would like a Lunch, irrespective of what activity you will be doing, please order this at the time of booking. **Payment will be direct to the Kings Arms** at the time.

If, following booking, you are allocated an Outing on Sunday, and wish to book your own pub lunch, potential Pubs for these are:

Fernworthy & Northmore Arms Throwleigh EX20 2JA, Tel: 01647 231428

Round Pound The Globe Inn, Chagford TQ13 8AJ, Tel: 01647 433485
Ring O’Bells, Chagford TQ13 8AJ, Tel: 01647 432466
The Three Crowns, Chagford TQ13 8AJ, Tel: 01647 433444
Chagford Inn TQ13 8AW, Tel: 01647 433109

Belstone Tor The Tors Inn, Belstone EX20 1QZ, Tel: 01837 840689

Lunchtime on Sunday will be between 1pm and 2.30pm, and the afternoon session will commence at 2.30pm, so please ensure that you are back in the Hall by then.

Saturday Evening Meal

Oxenham Arms

A sample menu of main course and desserts for the Oxenham Arms is included with your Booking Form and available on our website. This includes vegetarian, vegan, gluten and dairy free options. We have booked space for up to 50 places in two rooms.

If you wish to dine here please complete the section on your Booking form with any dietary requirements. **Payment is made individually on the night.**

King’s Arms

There is no requirement to choose in advance here but we do have a limit of 30 spaces. Please mark on your booking form if you would like to reserve a space(s). The menu is available on our website.

Please note, places are limited, and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Shops & Cafes

Okehampton – Waitrose, Lidl and Co-op

South Zeal – Village shop and Café

Sticklepath – Café

Places to Eat

You are advised to **book early** as these places are very popular especially at weekends in the Summer.

Oxenham Arms Restaurant, South Zeal – large beer garden, stone circle – Tel: 01837 840244

King's Arms, South Zeal - Tel: 01837 840300. Takeaway food and 26 gins.

Post Inn, Whiddon Down – Tel: 01647 231242

Taw River Pub, Sticklepath – Tel: 01837 840377

Tors Inn, Belstone – Tel: 01837 840689

White Hart Hotel (Wetherspoons), Okehampton – Tel: 01837 658533

Whitehouse Services, Exeter Road, Okehampton adjacent to A30 – Tel: 01837 840101

Castle Inn, Lydford (near Lydford Gorge) – Tel: 01822 820242

Northmore Arms, Wonson, Throwleigh – Tel: 01647 231428

Accommodation

Here are some suggestions whether you come for the weekend or stay a little longer.

You are advised to **book early for accommodation** as places fill up fast in the summer.

Airbnb

Please see [Airbnb.co.uk](https://www.airbnb.co.uk)

Bed & Breakfast

Oxenham Arms Hotel and Restaurant, South Zeal – luxury B&B, AA 4 Star Tel: 01837 840244

See www.theoxenhamarms.com

Dartmoor House, Belstone – Tel: 01837 840337 – www.visitdartmoor.co.uk

The Tors Inn, Belstone – Tel: 01837 840689

Lovaton Farmhouse, South Tawton – Tel: 01647 231649

The White Hart Hotel Wetherspoon, Okehampton – Tel: 01837 658533

Meadowlea Guest House, 65 Station Road, Okehampton – Tel: 01837 53200.

www.visitdartmoor.co.uk

Lobhill Farmhouse, Okehampton – Tel: 01566 783542 – www.visitdartmoor.co.uk

The Hog & Hedge and Travel Lodge at Whiddon Down on the A30. The H&H do breakfasts - see www.hogandhedge.co.uk and www.motorwayservicesonline.co.uk/A30. Tel: 01647 231588

The Tom Cobley Tavern, Spreyton

For B&B and award winning breakfasts - www.tomcobleytavern.co.uk. Tel: 01647 231314.

The Cobbles, Spreyton (opposite the church)

For B&B - www.thecobbles-spreyton.co.uk. Tel: 01647 231140.

The White Hart, Moretonhampstead

www.whitehartdartmoor.co.uk. Tel: 01647 440500.

Holiday Cottages

Townend, South Zeal – holiday let at top of village – 400 yards from centre

Gardeners Cottage, South Zeal – 450 yards from centre

Taw River Pub & Restaurant, Sticklepath has a cottage to rent – Tel: 01837 640377

Wonson (between Gidleigh and Throwleigh) - Holiday Cottages to rent –

Ring Ray Knight on 01647 231428 for details. South Zeal about 10 minutes drive away.

Camping

There is a camping facility at the **Kings Arms in South Zeal** in the field attached to their car park which will be made available to us from Friday afternoon to Monday morning.

Fresh water and access to toilets overnight are available but there are no showers or electricity.

The charge is £10 per night per tent/camper van to be paid at the time. A DFest representative will collect Camping payments on the day, and pass them on to the pub.

Large motorhomes - please note the entrance to the car park and camping field is restricted to a width of 2 metres maximum. Overnight camping is not allowed in the village car park, although there is no height restriction for parking in the daytime.

Breakfast for Campers

For those who opt to camp in the field of the King's Arms pub, the pub has kindly agreed to supply cooked breakfasts at £6.50 each (vegetarian option available).

Please let us know if you would like us to book one and on which day(s). Payment to the pub on the day. The pub also does takeaway food.

Other Campsites in the area

Dartmoor View Holiday Park – caravans, motorhomes – 2 miles away - Tel: 01647 231545

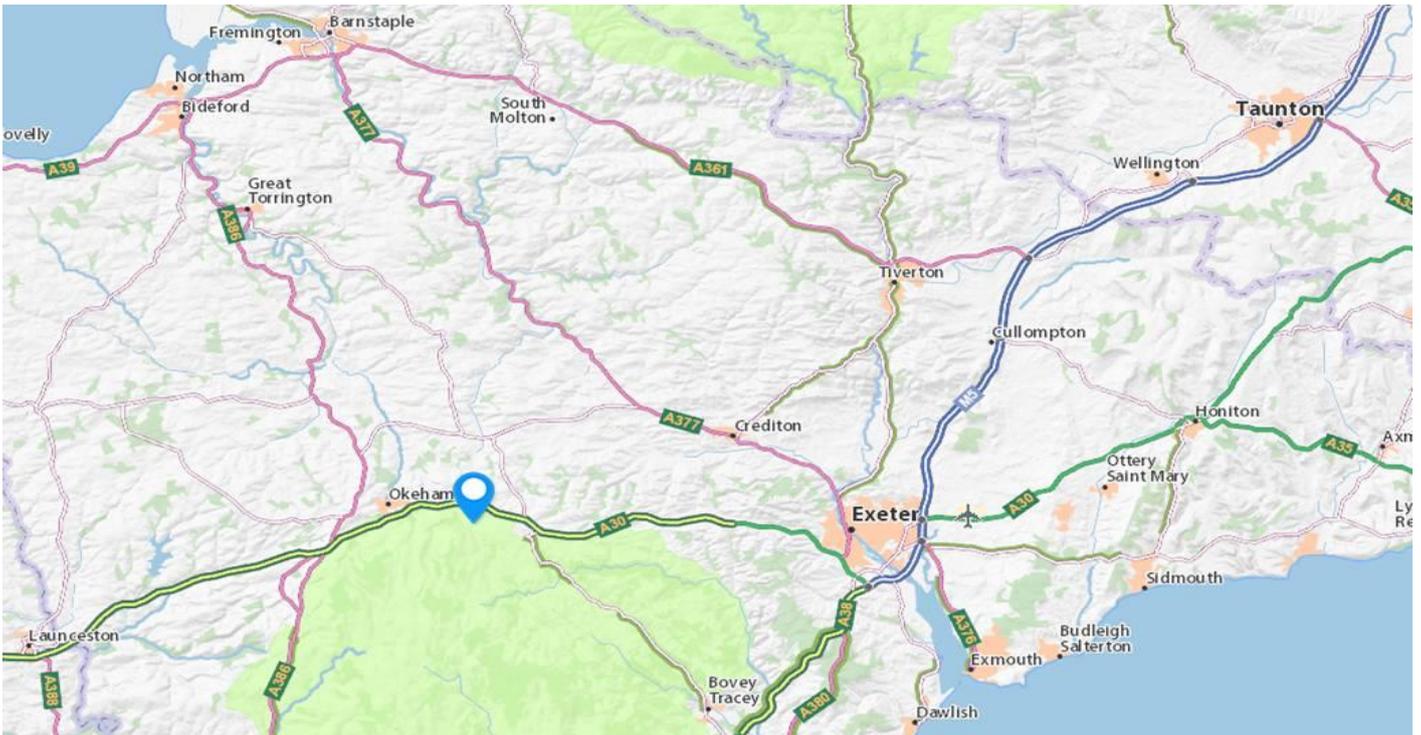
Bundu Caravan & Camping Park – Tel: 01837 861747

Appledore Farm, Sampford Courtenay – Tel: 01837 659767

Directions

From the North and South East: Take the M5 to Exeter then take the A30 (for approx 19 miles) and exit at Whiddon Down (A382), signposted to Whiddon Down, Spreyton, and South Zeal. Proceed along Exeter Rd, past the Services, straight over the mini roundabout, and continue until you take a right turn (Shelly Rd), down the hill – signed South Zeal.

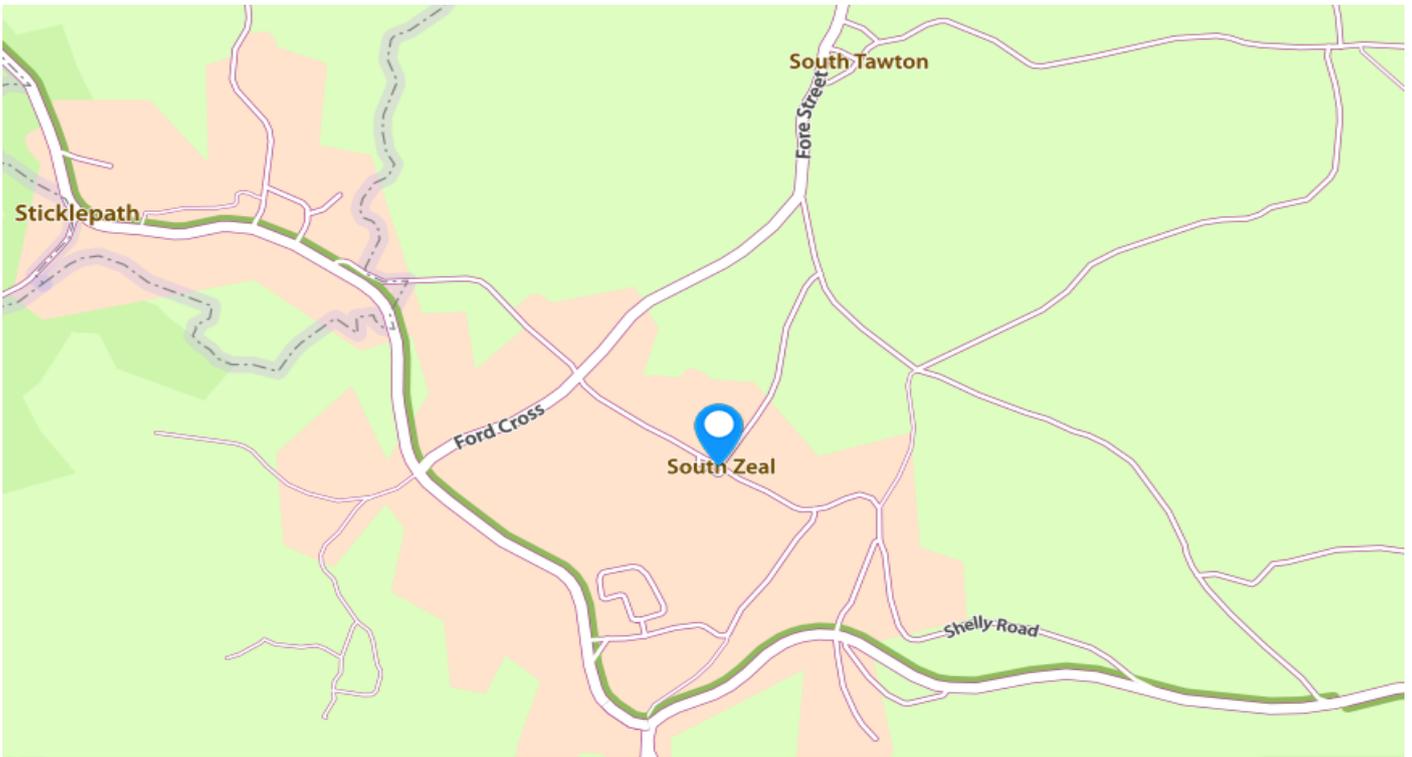
From the South West via Okehampton: After Okehampton, turn off on the B3260 to Sticklepath. Turn right at the T-Junction, carry on the road, through Sticklepath village, and take a sharp left turn after the Taw River Bridge, into South Zeal.



Local Area Map



Map of Local Roads



Map of South Zeal Village



**We look forward to seeing you.
The DFest Committee.**